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To the Terre Haute City Council, et al,

Here's hoping all of you are doing well. This is Sarah Dillon, present coordinator of the Vigo County Green Party.

I'm sending this to you, giving you my concerns re: **Resolution 3, 2017** [the casino endorsement you're about to vote on]. Here's some of my personal concerns re: this resolution:

1. Would recommend reading this 2014 Atlantic article:
<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/08/a-good-way-to-wreck-a-local-economy-build-casinos/375691/>
2. Other fiscal reasons I've read
 - a. For some of the fiscal things, best to send the City Council the "Fiscal Impact Statement" sent to the Senate Public Policy Committee = <http://iga.in.gov/documents/380b022c>
 - b. Having read the actual bill in question [<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/bills/senate/354>] makes me wonder if all the revenue [taxes, jobs, etc] from this casino is going to stay here in Terre Haute or is it to be split between all 3 cities in the bill [Terre Haute, Rising Star, and West Baden]; if it's the latter, how is that going to help this city get out of this financial situation.
 - c. Likewise, per this Cincinnati Enquirer article, appears the parent casino is facing problems of their own = www.cincinnati.com/story/money/2016/11/07/inside-rebound-planned-rising-star/91340966/
 - d. One of the rumors going, I've heard Evansville trying to get this is that they already have a casino license, and that it may be very VERY expensive
3. I've heard that this casino could be a catalyst for the Riverscapes project. Although my personal belief re: that project would be mostly to repurpose most of the existing buildings into Green industry with living wage jobs [and, yes, I've mentioned that as an idea at a Riverscapes workshop a few years ago; although it was turned down, I hold no grudges], I wouldn't mind the building of a privately run [non-tax incentive] entertainment center/conference center (should Hulman Center fall through)/hotel; I use as an example of this the soon-to-be renovated Star Plaza Hotel and Theatre in Merrillville, IN [although it's not along Lake Michigan, it IS next to I-65, heading to Chicago]

Would appreciate you consider the above items mentioned in your decision to vote No on this Resolution.
Thanks very much.

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